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# Thomas Hart Benton Homestead Memorial Commission

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Department fact sheet

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## **Statute/Authority**

RSMO 1986 253.375

## **Number of Members**

20

## **Number of Members Appointed by the Governor**

0

## **Is Senate Confirmation Required?**

Not required.

## **Membership Composition**

Members should be well known for knowledge and interest in the life and work of Thomas Hart Benton.

## **Terms**

No terms specified.

## **Political Affiliation**

None required.

## **Compensation**

No compensation, no reimbursement for travel expenses within state. Members can be reimbursed for other "necessary and actual expenses."

## **Geographic Consideration**

Membership not restricted to citizens of Missouri.

## **Responsibilities of the Commission/Members**

The commissioners were selected for their personal knowledge of and friendship with Thomas Hart Benton, so as to be able to advise the department on the accurate restoration of his home, and the development of an interpretive program to enlighten visitors about his life and work, and its place in Missouri's cultural history.

Although it held regular meetings during the development of the site and the restoration of the house and studio, the commission has not met in the last several years. At this point, it would probably only meet in response to a call from Department of Natural Resources for further advice concerning an aspect of the Benton Home site.



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None.

**AGO Contact – Name, Address, Phone Number**

None.

**Frequency of Meetings and Location(s)**

Commission has not met in several years.

**Time Expended by Commissioners for Meetings and Preparation Thereof**

N/A

**Requirements for Inclusion of Items on Agenda**

N/A

**Public Comment Opportunities at Meetings**

Would meet the legal standard.

**For More Information Contact**

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